

FELIX N. PADRÓN, DIRECTOR

CAREER

Mr. Padrón, Director of the Office of Cultural Affairs since November 2001, is responsible for overseeing the granting process for non-profit art and cultural agencies in San Antonio. He supervises the Grants, Neighborhood Arts, Development, and Arts Marketing programs. As head of the department, Mr. Padrón works with art agencies, city departments, neighborhoods and the business community to support and promote the arts in San Antonio.

Before becoming Director, Mr. Padrón served six years directing the City of San Antonio Public Art and Design Enhancement Program, in the Office of Cultural Affairs, and the Public Works Department. His responsibilities required a deep understanding of the need to foster a continued collaboration and coordination between artists, design professionals, arts organizations, city officials, and community representatives. His success and expertise in the public art arena, earned him citywide respect and national recognition.

EDUCATION

B.F.A: School of Visual Arts: New York City, New York
Public Arts Studies Masters Program: University of Southern California, Los Angeles, California

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Americans for the Arts; ArtLies Magazine and Texans For The Arts Board of Directors

Honors

1999 San Antonio Express-News: top twenty most influential people in San Antonio's Arts & Culture

1994 Public Art Studies Fellowship – University of Southern California

1988 Artist in Residence - Bronx Council for the Arts, Bronx NY

Personal

Padrón is an accomplished artist and curator in his own right. His artworks have been exhibited in San Antonio, New York City, and in Los Angeles, and extensively published in the New York Times, the New Yorker and Noticias del Mundo. Padrón is also a frequent guest juror and speaker at events and exhibitions throughout the country.